

Beautification Commission Minutes
9/20/2017
Held at Elk Rapids Government Center
315 Bridge St.
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Call to order: 9:04 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman Pat Stites, Members: Barbara Termaat, Paula Moyer, Margaret LeBlond, Janine Micunek

Excused: Sonja Perry

Conflict of interest: None

Citizens Comments: None

**Approval of 8/16/17
Minutes**

M/S **Motion to approve minutes
LeBlond/Termaat** **Motion Carried**

Approval of Bills: None

Old Business: Chairman Stites was pleased with pruning class attendance and class content

Garden Club Report: Chairman Stites read a letter from a RV owner who drove over the library garden and damaged plants; the Village office will request the driver pay \$100 to replace plants in the spring

Robyn Van Colen discussed progress and work to be done in gardens. Garden Club member Jane Hamilton is seeking a grant for carrying out the redesign of the Blue Star Garden

Council Report: No report

DPW Report: Brad Kluczynski updated the commission on various DPW projects. A fence was installed at the Kids Pond walkway; DPW is not prepared to collect garden waste at this time

New Business: DDA has offered to spend \$1500 to purchase chains and posts to surround trees; work to be done by DPW this year. Chairman Stites suggested the Commission needs to set aside monies for more posts for trees in the new budget

Sandra Giordani from Better Yards and Gardens discussed bids for light/heavy pruning in the Boardwalk Garden

M/S **Motion to approve the bid for the deeper cutback of the Boardwalk Garden to start next week for \$625**
Termaat/Micunek **Motion Carried**

Discussed planters for US31 bridge; DDA will be asked to buy planters, Beautification will provide the plants and the Lions Club will be asked to maintain the planters

Discussed decorating poles along River Street for the holiday season using live garland and new bows

M/S **New motion to decorate River Street poles with live garland and new bows, not to exceed \$2,500 of the 2017 budget**
Termaat/Micunek **Motion Carried**

Discussed trimming of street trees in 2017; small trees will be trimmed yearly and larger trees every other year

Communications: None

Adjourn: 10:04

M/S **Motion to adjourn**
Moyer/LeBlond **Motion Carried**